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In re the Application of: ITO, Suguru et al.

Group Art Unit: 1713

Serial No.: 10/089,104

Examiner: Robert D. Harlan

Filed: April 15, 2002

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For: RUBBER, RUBBER COMPOSITION, AND CROSSLINKED OBJECT

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 23, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2003, extended to January 25, 2004 by a two-month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows: